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In re Application of:

Yasuyuki Kawashima et al.

Serial No. 10/692,554

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For: Sample Analyzers, Bacteria
Analyzers, and Solutions for
Diluting and Cleaning

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this communication.